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Appleton-based Army National Guard infantry battalion ordered to active duty

Several other Wisconsin units alerted

The Wisconsin National Guard received a mobilization order for one of the three infantry battalions in the 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Brigade Saturday, May 7. The unit, 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry, is headquartered in Appleton with subordinate units in five other Wisconsin communities.

Individual units mobilized with the battalion are:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company — Appleton
- Company A — Waupun
- Detachment 1, Company A — Ripon
- Company B — Green Bay
- Company C — Fond du Lac
- Company D — Marinette

More than 600 soldiers are affected by the mobilization order. The battalion's soldiers are expected to report to active duty at their unit armories June 6 and remain there for several days before moving to their mobilization station in New Jersey. Wisconsin Guard officials expect the unit will eventually deploy overseas.

Soldiers were first notified Friday of the battalion's possible mobilization after an alert notification was received May 6. Notifications to soldiers about the mobilization order began Saturday.

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The battalion's mobilization order is for 545 days — about 18 months. It is expected that the unit will serve overseas for one full year following several months of mobilization processing and predeployment training.

Mobilization of 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry will bring the total number of Wisconsin National Guard soldiers and airmen on active duty to about 1,920.

With this mobilization, about 5,500 soldiers and airmen from the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard — more than 57 percent of the Guard's total force in the state — will have served on active duty since September 11, 2001.

In addition, about 1,500 Army Guard soldiers from five other units received alert notifications on May 6.

These units are:

- Headquarters, 32nd Infantry Brigade – Camp Williams and Wausau
- 132nd Support Battalion – Portage, Madison, Janesville, Eau Claire, Waupaca, Mauston, Onalaska and Milwaukee
- Troop E, 105th Cavalry – Merrill and Antigo
- 32nd Engineer Company – Onalaska
- 1st Battalion, 126th Field Artillery – Kenosha, Whitewater, Oak Creek, Racine and Burlington

The alert notification directs the units and their soldiers to begin preparing for a possible order to active duty. If any of these units are actually mobilized, either in full or in part, affected soldiers would expect to be on active duty for about 18 months, with as much as one full year deployed overseas.

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